

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1, 3 and 6 being independent claims. Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Takada (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,477) in view of newly cited Sachs (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,034). Claims 9 and 14 remain objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 1 and 10, the Examiner states, "Sachs et al. discloses in fig. 3B, a touch-sensitive display screen comprises a resizing the entry field to be suitable for the input data's size whenever input data is input to the generated entry field (see the size of the font on text 110 is display and can then be enlarged or reduce, see col. 6, lines 8-22)." (Office Action, pages 3, 5-6).

However, referring to FIG. 3B of Sachs et al., Sachs et al. states, "In the event that the text 110 is not of a size that suits the user, the size of the font on text 110 can be enlarged or reduced." (Sachs et al., column 6, lines 10-12). FIG. 4 of the present invention shows entry fields 16a, 16p, and 16q. The input data "Smith, Fred", "100", and "6.50", which correspond to the text 110 of Sachs et al., are input to the touch panel on areas that are larger than their respective entry fields. According to Claims 1 and 10, entry fields 16a, 16q, and 16p are resized, which is a distinct operation from resizing the input data (text) "Smith, Fred", "100", and "6.50". Therefore, Sachs et al. does not teach disclose or suggest, "resizing the data entry field."

Further, Sachs et al. discloses a different condition for the resizing operation. Sachs et al. states “In this case, the ‘change font’ icon 122 may be selected so as to change the current font size to the next font size.” (Sachs et al., column 6, lines 12-14). According to Sachs et al., resizing occurs not upon input of text data, but upon selection of the icon 122, which are two distinct operations. Therefore, in Sachs et al., there may be cases in which text is input, but the icon 122 is not selected, and the resizing operation would not be initiated. However, Claims 1 and 10 of the present invention state that the entry field is resized “whenever input data is input to the generated entry field.” According to the present invention, resizing occurs upon the entry of input data, and is not conditioned upon selection of an icon 122.

Therefore, Sachs et al. does not teach, disclose, or suggest, “resizing the entry field to be suitable for the input data’s size whenever input data is input to the generated entry field.” Further, Takada does not cure the deficiencies of Sachs et al. All of the claimed features of independent Claims 1 and 10 are not taught or suggested by the combination of Takada and Sachs et al. or by either reference alone. Therefore Claims 1 and 10 of the present invention are patentable over Takada and Sachs et al. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1 and 10 is respectfully requested.

While not conceding the patentability of the dependent claims, *per se*, Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, and 16 are also allowable for at least the above reasons.

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Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-16, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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